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TO: PATRICK OGAWA
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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: JENNIFER A.D. LEHMAN *JADL*
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RE: **Elizabeth Adam, et al v. County of Los Angeles**
(consolidated with L.H., a minor v. County of Los Angeles)
United States District Court Case No. CV 13-01156

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board's recommendation in the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary for the case.

It is requested that this recommendation, the Case Summary, and the Summary Corrective Action Plan be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda of June 9, 2015.

JADL

Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Elizabeth Adam, et al v. County of Los Angeles (consolidated with L.H., a minor v. County of Los Angeles) United States District Court Case No. CV 13-01156 in the amount of \$1,500,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department Contract Cities Trust Fund's budget.

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force and wrongful death by Sheriff's Deputies.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Elizabeth Adam, et al. v. County of Los Angeles (consolidated with L.H., a minor v. County of Los Angeles)
CASE NUMBER	CV 13-01156
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	February 15, 2013
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department Contract Cities Trust Fund
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 1,500,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Dale K. Galipo Law Offices of Dale K. Galipo
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Joseph A. Langton Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$1,500,000, the lawsuit filed by Elizabeth Adam and Robert Chester Henning alleging wrongful death, battery, and federal civil rights violations.</p> <p>The Deputies contend that the force used was reasonable and in response to Robert Henning's actions.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. Therefore, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$1,500,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 104,504
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 22,948